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Examiner: Myron G. Hill

AMENDMENT A

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed October 19, 2005 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"), claims 21, 23-24, and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over WO 99/20834 (Srivistava), claims 21 and 25-28 were rejected under § 103(a) over Srivistava in view of Deregt et al., Virus Res. 57:171-181 (1998), claims 21-31 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph, and claims 21-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for asserted lack of written descriptive support. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.